

1. (currently amended) A method for providing textual information in a network environment, the method comprising:

receiving at a server connected to a network from a computer terminal connected to said network, a request via said network for text-editable data;

determining whether said text-editable data is stored in a first storage area of said server that is inaccessible to said computer terminal, or in a second storage area of said server that is accessible to said computer terminal;

if said determining determines that said text-editable data is stored in the first storage area, then:

converting said text-editable data into non-text-editable data on line upon receiving said request; and

sending said non-text-editable data via said network from said server to said computer terminal; and

if said determining determines that said text-editable data is stored in the second storage area, then:

sending said text-editable data via said network from said server to said computer terminal,

thereby enabling the server to securely store the text-editable data in the first storage area by conditionally converting the text-editable data into non-text-editable data and by sending the non-text-editable data instead of the text-editable data when a request is received for the text-editable data.

2. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein said converting comprises converting said text-editable data into a non-text-editable graphical representation of said text-editable data.

3. (previously presented) A method according to claim 2 wherein said converting comprises converting said text-editable data into said non-text-editable graphical representation wherein said graphical representation comprises at least one hyperlink.

4. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1 and further comprising displaying said non-text-editable data via a computer terminal display.

5. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein said converting is performed at said server.

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19. (currently amended) A network-based textual information system comprising:
a computer terminal operative to send a request via a network for text-editable data; and

a server comprising:

a first storage area that is inaccessible to said computer terminal; and

a second storage area that is accessible to said computer terminal,

said server being operative to

receive said request;

determine whether said text-editable data is stored (i) in said first storage area, or (ii) in said second storage area;

in case (i):

convert said text-editable data into non-text-editable data on line upon receiving said request; and

send said non-text-editable data to said computer terminal via said network; and

in case (ii):

send said text-editable data to said computer terminal via said network,


thereby enabling the server to securely store the text-editable data in the first storage area by conditionally converting the text-editable data into non-text-editable data and by sending the non-text-editable data instead of the text-editable data when a request is received for the text-editable data.

20. (previously presented) A system according to claim 19 wherein said non-text-editable data comprises a non-text-editable graphical representation of said text-editable data.

21. (original) A system according to claim 20 wherein said non-text-editable graphical representation comprises at least one hyperlink.

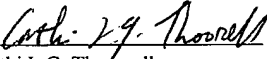
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